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1. IN A WRITTEN ANSWER DECEMBER 2 TO A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ON BRITAIN'S POSSIBLE ROLE IN A RHODESIAN INTERIM GOVERNMENT, FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND SAID: "FOR THEIR PART, HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT ARE READY TO PLAY A DIRECT ROLE IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IF IT IS THE GENERAL VIEW THAT THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL. THE NATURE OF THIS BRITISH PRESENCE WOULD, OF COURSE, DEPEND ON THE STRUCTURE AGREED FOR THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT."

2. COMMENT: THIS IS SO FAR THE MOST DIRECT PUBLIC

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STATEMENT BY A MINISTER DESCRIBING BRITAIN'S WILLINGNESS

TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT.

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